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The Humble

ADDRESS

Of the Right Honourable the

Lords Spiritual and Temporal

In Parliament assembled,

PRESENTED TO

HIS MAJESTY,

On *Wednesday*, the Nineteenth Day of *November*, 1740.

WITH

His Majesty's

MOST GRACIOUS

ANSWER.

L O N D O N,

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ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, That the Address of this House, presented to His Majesty, and His Majesty's most gracious Answer thereunto, be forthwith printed and published.

Ashley Cowper,

Cler' Parliamentor^s

The Humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled.

Die Martis, 18 Novembris, 1740.

Most Gracious Sovereign,



E Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to return Your Majesty our humble Thanks for Your most Gracious Speech from the Throne.

The Resolution which Your Majesty is pleased to express, for carrying on this just and necessary War, in the most proper Places, and in the most vigorous and effectual Manner, is so agreeable to Your Royal Wisdom, as well as to the united Desires of Your People, that it fills our Hearts with the most grateful Sentiments. As the *West Indies* has been the Scene of the most outrageous Depredations and Violences, committed by the *Spaniards* upon Your Majesty's Subjects; we hope and trust, that, by the Blessing of God on Your Majesty's Councils and Arms, this Nation will, in those Parts more especially, obtain that just Satisfaction for past Injuries, and effectual Security for their Navigation and Commerce for the future, which have hitherto been refused, contrary to the Faith of the most solemn Treaties.

We must ever acknowledge it, amongst the many Instances of Your Majesty's Firmness, and true Greatness of Mind, that You have not suffered any Incidents whatsoever, to divert or deter You from these Measures: And we doubt not but Your Enemies will soon be convinced, that the Security of Your Majesty's Government at Home, must be strengthened in the Affections and Support of Your People; whilst Your Squadrons are sent to distant Parts of the World, as well for maintaining their undoubted Rights and Interests, as the Honour of Your Imperial Crown.

Under this deep Sense of our Obligations to Your Majesty, permit us to offer at Your Royal Feet the strongest Assurances, That if any other Power should attempt to prescribe or limit the Operations of the War against Your declared Enemies; such an extraordinary Proceeding would not fail to create in us the highest and most becoming Indignation, and to determine us to concur in all proper Measures, for vindicating and defending Your Majesty's Dignity and Honour against any Insults, and for frustrating any Designs formed against us.

We are truly sensible, that the Death of the late Emperor is an Event, which calls for the vigilant Attention of all those who sincerely wish well to the common Safety and Tranquility ; and we beg Leave to assure Your Majesty, that we will zealously stand by and support You, in adhering to the Engagements You are under, for maintaining the Balance and Liberties of *Europe* on that important Occasion, as well as in the vigorous Prosecution of the present War.

To repeat the unfeigned Professions, that we have so often made, of our unalterable Fidelity and Affection to Your Majesty's Sacred Person and Government, and our Zeal for the Continuance of the Protestant Succession in Your Royal House, may seem unnecessary, when it is demonstrably our essential Interest, as well as our Duty, to persevere in these Principles. But we should be wanting to those warm Impressions, which we feel in ourselves, if we did not, in this Conjunction, declare to Your Majesty, and the whole World, the fixed and unshaken Purpose of our Hearts, to defend and support this glorious Cause, at the Expence of our Blood and Treasure; and, at the same Time, express our sincere and ardent Wishes, that all Your Enterprizes, for maintaining the Honour of Your Majesty's Crown, and the Rights of Your People, may be blessed with the most prosperous Success.

His MAJESTY's most Gracious ANSWER.

My LORDS,

I Thank you for this most dutiful and affectionate Address. Nothing can be more agreeable to Me, than the Zeal you express for the vigorous Prosecution of this just and necessary War, the Support of My Dignity and Honour, and the Preservation of the Balance and Liberties of Europe; all which I have entirely at Heart.

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